

Introduced by Senators Runner and Wright

February 1, 2012

An act to amend Section 400 of the Family Code, relating to marriage.

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SB 991, as introduced, Runner. Marriage: solemnization.

Existing law provides that a marriage may be solemnized by authorized persons of any religious denomination, by specified legislators, constitutional officers, and California Members of Congress, while those persons are currently holding that office, by specified justices, judges, and magistrates, both current and retired, by the county clerk, and by an elected city mayor, as specified.

This bill would additionally authorize a county supervisor to solemnize a marriage.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 400 of the Family Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 400. Marriage may be solemnized by any of the following who
- 4 is of the age of 18 years or older:
- 5 (a) A priest, minister, rabbi, or authorized person of any religious
- 6 denomination.
- 7 (b) A judge or retired judge, commissioner of civil marriages
- 8 or retired commissioner of civil marriages, commissioner or retired
- 9 commissioner, or assistant commissioner of a court of record in
- 10 this state.

- 1 (c) A judge or magistrate who has resigned from office.
2 (d) Any of the following judges or magistrates of the United
3 States:
4 (1) A justice or retired justice of the United States Supreme
5 Court.
6 (2) A judge or retired judge of a court of appeals, a district court,
7 or a court created by an act of Congress the judges of which are
8 entitled to hold office during good behavior.
9 (3) A judge or retired judge of a bankruptcy court or a tax court.
10 (4) A United States magistrate or retired magistrate.
11 (e) A legislator or constitutional officer of this state~~or~~, a
12 Member of Congress who represents a district within this state, *or*
13 *a county supervisor*, while that person holds office.